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BLUE GRASS COUNTIES TO FIGHT HIGH TAXES

Arbitrary Raises of State Commission To Be Resisted—Madison Joins In

The worm has finally decided to turn.

After taking raise after raise in taxes from the State Tax Commission, a number of central Kentucky counties have decided to go into the courts and resist the latest raise ordered.

Madison county was represented at a meeting of officials of the counties held at Lexington Wednesday afternoon by County Judge John D. Goodloe, County Attorney Joe P. Chenault, Tax Commissioner W. W. Adams and several others. The Madison county supervisors added on most of the raise ordered by the State Tax Commission, but lacked about \$250,000 of getting the full amount the state tax moguls demanded.

The Herald said, in part, of the meeting at Lexington:

"To curb, if possible, the arbitrary increases levied by the state tax commission," seven county judges and other officials met in the office of County Judge E. H. Doak, and following a conference lasting several hours, decided to unite against the commission in a test of the commission's authority, taking the fight to the courts, if necessary.

Six counties were represented in addition to Fayette, all being from central Kentucky, where, it is alleged, the "arbitrary" position of the tax commission has been felt most keenly.

All of the officials at the meeting voted to resist the commission in a legal fight if this becomes necessary, oppose vigorously the action of the commission in ordering the county judges to reconvene their boards of tax supervisors and increase the county valuations to conform with the figures fixed by the commission.

In addition to County Judge E. H. Doak, who presided, county judges present were: J. D. Goodloe, of Madison county; J. B. Ward, of Scott county; R. S. Scofield, of Clark county; E. T. Pollard, of Shelby county; G. M. Treadway, of Garrard county, and M. C. Minor, of Boyle county. J. P. Chenault, county attorney of Madison county, acted as secretary.

Following the meeting it was announced that at least fifteen other county judges had indicated their intentions of joining in fight against the tax commission.

A statement issued by the judges following the conference said in part: "After full discussion of the individual situations in respective counties it was the consensus of opinion of all present that the interests of the public generally demands that steps be taken to curb, if possible, the increasing and arbitrary increases levied by the state tax commission."

Judge Doak was named as the representative of the judges to take such steps as should be necessary to institute the proper action against the commission, should it attempt to force the judges to reconvene the county boards of equalization.

At the close of the meeting it was announced that a meeting of county attorneys from the seven counties represented will be held Monday afternoon in the office of Judge Doak at 2 o'clock to investigate the legal situation presented, to determine the course to be pursued and to employ counsel to assist in the prosecution of the case if it be necessary.

The meeting began at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, following the return of Judge Doak from Frankfort where he appeared before the tax commission on a call from the chairman Rainey T. Wells, to show cause why the reassessment of Fayette should not be ordered. Mr. Wells was ill and unable to attend the hearing, but Judge Doak submitted a written report of his view of the situation, which was taken under advisement by the commission.

The concerted action of the county judges represents the first extensive attempt to fight the decisions of the tax commission. While protests against the

commission's actions during the recent years have been many, most have been individual cases, the meeting of yesterday being the first effort ever made to combine the counties and carry the fight against the commission into the courts.

In addition to the county judges those who attended the meeting yesterday and sanctioned the stand taken by the judges were: J. P. Chenault, county attorney Madison county; H. C. Ford, county attorney Scott county; Spence S. Carriek, county attorney Fayette county; W. W. Adams, tax commissioner of Madison county; William White, tax commissioner for Fayette county; Faust Foushee, county clerk of Fayette county, and James Bradley, county clerk of Scott county. In addition to these officials, Attorneys Rodman W. Keenon and George Webb, of Lexington, J. J. Greenleaf and O. P. Jackson, of Richmond, all attended the meeting and participated in the discussion.

The situation existing in other counties opposing the tax commission is similar to that in Fayette. An assessment of \$91,000,000 was fixed for Fayette by Tax Commissioner Wm. White and these figures were submitted to the state commission. After reviewing the figures the commission ordered an increase of \$10,000,000 making the total assessment \$101,000,000.

The county board of supervisors of Fayette county met and after remaining in session many days, made increases amounting to approximately \$4,500,000. The increases on farm lands and town lots were met, but the board declared it was unable to meet the raises asked on tangible and personal property.

These figures were then certified and forwarded to the tax commission at Frankfort. Upon their receipt Judge Doak was ordered to appear before the commission and show cause why reassessment should not be ordered.

Judge Doak in his statement to the commission declared that in his opinion the board of supervisors which has just adjourned made a good assessment. He expressed a doubt that he has authority to reconvene the board and make a reassessment to meet the demands of the commission. He took the position that the state commission has no power to order a reassessment, and if it has, it is under the acts of the Assembly of 1920 and such reassessment he added, would finally have to be referred back to the local board for approval. He challenged the opinion of Attorney General Charles I. Dawson, giving the commission the right to go into a county and order a reassessment at the county's expense.

Acting Chairman James Scott, after Judge Doak's statement had been read, declared that it was the Commission's desire to equalize the assessment of the counties fairly and impartially and declared that the commission derived its powers from a legislative act of 1917.

"If you want to bring a suit and test out the powers of the commission, we are ready," said Acting chairman Scott. "If there is anything we like it is a fight, especially a fight that will establish the authority of the commission, which I believe such a suit would do. If the commission has no authority to pass upon the reassessment of county boards the sooner we find it out the better. It looks to us like you and your board are up against public sentiment and you are afraid of it. If the commission has to send a staff of experts to Fayette to make a new assessment, it will be composed of men who are not afraid of this sentiment that you talk about and who will get a better assessment than your board has been able to make."

28 Fine Horses Burn

Oakville, Ont., May 18—Twenty-eight show horses and hunters belonging to H. C. Cox and Sir Adam Beck were burned to death in a fire that destroyed Hugh Wilson's training arena.

No Game Today

Rain prevented the Philadelphia-Cincinnati game at Cincinnati Thursday.

HOOVER HAS PLAN TO STOP COAL RAISES

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 18—Secretary Hoover asked and obtained today approval of leading operators in the non-union bituminous coal fields for the government plan of "getting the coal industry by a voluntary action to put a stop point on increases in coal prices," during the period of the existing strike. The plan which was approved by 40 operators, calls for the creating of a committee of operators with government and consumers' representatives serving on it in each district where coal is produced, through which all orders for coal will be cleared. A similar general committee will be set up in Washington. Hoover said Attorney General Daugherty held the plan legal.

DAUGHERTY TO PROBE STEEL MERGER

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 18—Attorney General Daugherty today invited representatives of the eight steel companies named in the Senate resolution, directing an inquiry into the proposed merger of independent steel companies, to meet him Saturday to discuss their plans for the proposed merger.

GOVERNOR PARDONS "HONEST" CONVICT

(By Associated Press)

Frankfort, Ky., May 18—Zeke Anderson, serving 15 years for manslaughter, was pardoned today by Governor Morrow. Anderson last year escaped from a convict road camp, went to his home in Pike county, made a crop so his family would not suffer during the winter and then returned to the reformatory. He had served three years of his sentence.

U. S. HESITATES ON HAGUE MEET

(By Associated Press)

Genoa, May 18—Reuters today says the reply received from the United States with reference to participation in the projected commission at the Hague on Russian affairs says the United States reserves its decision, pleading further investigation and until the situation becomes clearer.

Woman Is Accidentally Shot By 5-Year-Old Son

Hazard, Ky., May 18—Mrs. Mary Crase, 25 years old, was shot accidentally by her 5-year-old son at Caudill, near here. The bullet passed through her and amputation will be necessary, the physicians say.

Frank Thompson Drowns

Lexington, Ky., May 17—Word was received here today that Frank Thompson, a former Lexington newspaper man and oil man, was drowned near Shreveport, La. No details were given.

Bloodhounds To Trail Warren Co. Fire Bugs

(By Associated Press)

Bowling Green, Ky., May 18—T. H. Miller today announced that fire bugs last night attempted to burn his big stock barn on his farm two miles west of here. Bloodhounds from Madisonville will be brought to trace them.

Lions At Lexington

Lexington, Ky., May 18—The annual district convention of the Kentucky-Tennessee Lions clubs began here today and will continue through Friday. Practically every "den" in the two states is represented. Bowling Green has ten representatives and Winchester two.

Marries Soon as Divorce Is Given

Beattyville, Ky., May 18—When Mrs. Vincent Harris was handed decree of divorce, she and Joe Cole stepped into the clerk's office, displayed it and were married.

BAPTISTS BREAK MISSION RECORDS

Says Dr. Love's Report to Southern Baptist Convention Meeting At Jacksonville

(By Associated Press)

Jacksonville, Fla., May 18—All previous records on the foreign mission fields were broken during the last year by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, reported to the convention today. There was a gain of 154 in the number of foreign missionaries on the fields, 80 local churches, 14,600 members, 135 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 13,691, and 15 native assistants, the report shows, while the increase for the year in the contributions of the native churches was \$211,775, the total contributions of the churches being \$454,235.84.

Other items in the report show a gain of 62 mission schools with an increase of 3,641 pupils enrolled.

The summary of results covers the work of the fields in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay, the older fields occupied by the Board, as the work in the fields of Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Roumania, Southern Russia, Palestine, Syria and Siberia is confined largely to re-enforcement of the native workers and institutions. On the older fields the denomination reports 622 churches with a membership of 64,251; 971 Sunday schools with membership of 53,691; 459 foreign missionaries, 1,137 native assistants, 23 foreign physicians and 9 foreign nurses with 15 native physicians and 56 native nurses, 14 hospitals, 16 dispensaries and 160,656 treatments being administered during the last year.

In addition to its regular missionary work the Board through its European commissioner, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, has been enabled to secure religious liberty for the Baptists of Roumania and has made a large contribution to the relief of the suffering in Russia. In addition to cash and food sent by the denomination the Baptist women of the South sent seventy tons of clothing to Russia. Considerable relief work was done in China also during the year.

Secretary Love's report shows that out of every dollar contributed to foreign missions only 3.74 cents is required in defraying the total cost of administration, leaving 96.26 cents that goes into actual mission work on the foreign fields.

BIG STILL FOUND IN CLARK COUNTY

Winchester, Ky., May 18—Federal Officer Robert Duff, assisted by Officers Treadway and Duff's three sons, made a raid in this county early this morning, capturing a complete copper moonshine still of sixty gallons capacity in operation and arresting the operator. The still was found in the barn on the farm and near the home of Steven Bowen, near Pilot View.

When the raiding party was approaching the scene, Bowen was in the barn milking and made a rush for the bushes behind which several of the party were hiding. He was arrested. The still was brought to this city and is on exhibition here. Fifty gallons of mash and two and one-half gallons of whiskey were also taken. The prisoner was taken to Mt. Sterling where he will be tried before the Federal Commissioner. Bowen is said to own about 2,000 acres of land in the Pilot View section of the county.

Here It Is Again

The Missing Word Contest is warming up as the time draws near for its close. There were several who sent in the correct answer last week. The page appears again today and you'll find the missing word after you have read all the ads very carefully.

Lightning struck high school building at Irvine the latter part of the week, entirely destroying the chimney and doing considerable other damage.

PINEVILLE STILL UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Pineville, Ky., May 18—The whole city still remains under heavy guard to prevent renewal of the Ball-Colson shooting, which resulted in the death of Riley Ball Thursday and wounding of four other men. Warrants are being drawn today for those who participated in the affair. Frank Ball and John Hurst, member of the Colson faction, who were wounded, continue in a serious condition. Ball is shot in the head and Colson in the stomach. Clay Colson for whose trial on a murder charge the factions had assembled, and Fred McDaniel, a spectator, who were wounded, are not seriously hurt.

KIRKSVILLE CHURCH HOST TO WORKERS

The Kirksville Christian church of which Rev. Frank Tindler is pastor, was host to a six o'clock dinner Thursday to the leaders of the Christian churches in the county. Ministers, Sunday school superintendents and heads of the different departments in the church were present. This meeting is termed the quarterly conference. After the dinner hour, there was a round table discussion, involving important matters which were very helpful and instructive.

ALL MEMBERSHIP DAY AT COLLEGE HILL

All members of the M. E. Church, South, and M. E. Church are urged to attend the great union revival services now in progress next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. at the College Hill Methodist church. Basket dinner on the ground. Preaching by Rev. L. A. Fryman, subject "How Others May Know I am a Christian." Benj. Sewell, pastor and Norton King, pastors.

Louisville Templars Win Honors For Drill Team

Maysville, Ky., May 18—At the 75th annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky here Wednesday, De Melay Commandery of Louisville, won the competitive drill. Covington Commandery, which won first last year, captured the second prize. 3,500 knights and their ladies are attending the convocation. The Portsmouth Commandery arrived yesterday with about 200 in the delegation.

Grand Jury May Have Stenographers After June 15

A new law becomes effective June 15 permits the presence in grand jury rooms of stenographers who may take down the testimony of witnesses who appear in seeking an indictment or in conducting an investigation. Transcripts of this testimony to be available to the commonwealth's attorney to be used in prosecution when an indictment is returned. The purpose of the act is to prevent persons who testify before the grand jury from changing their statements when they come into open court. Heretofore, only members of the grand jury, witnesses and representatives of the commonwealth have been permitted to attend grand jury hearings.

"Human Fly" Falls Scaling Courthouse

Washington, Ind., May 18—Mark Redmon, 22 years old, said to be the youngest "human fly" in America, performed his last feat here last night before a crowd of 2,000 persons assembled in front of the courthouse. Redmon fell when near the top of the courthouse and if he lives which the doctors say is improbable, will be a cripple for life. He struck 20 feet below the concrete roof of the courthouse portico. Redmon was scaling the courthouse in a benefit performance for the American Legion post and as he ascended amused the crowd with witticisms. "I am responsible for more persons looking toward heaven than Billy Sunday," sang out Redmon, hanging to his perilous perch by his toes. Then he fell.

The Weather

Generally fair tonight and Friday, preceded by local thunder-showers in east portion this afternoon or tonight; slightly cooler in west portion tonight.

Thursday's Livestock Markets

Cincinnati, May 18—Hogs steady, 10c higher; Chicago steady and unchanged; hogs 2,000, 5c lower, tops \$10.80; sheep 2,300, steady and unchanged.

\$10,000,000 IN CASH FOR POOLERS

(By Associated Press)

Lexington, Ky., May 18—The last of 750,000 checks from the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association to members of the association in the burley counties of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, were mailed today. They carry nearly \$10,000,000 cash for farmers. The checks will be delivered Saturday to growers in their home counties.

SATURDAY TO BE BARGAIN DAY

The merchants of Richmond are right up to the minute. Realizing that the tobacco people are to be made happy Saturday when they receive their second payment on their crops, they are going to put a little more happiness into their lives by offering many bargains in their particular lines. This will mean the saving of many dollars to the farmers Saturday, for each of the merchants has made tremendous reductions on stocks which will be advertised in Friday's paper.

For the benefit of the farmers the following firms who have joined the Dollar-Day movement are listed. There will be many more to enlist before the advertisements are published. Read them over and visit their stores when you come to town Saturday:

Richmond Millinery Co.
Johnny Jones.
Pushin's Fashion Shop.
Louis Glazer.
Cohen's Store.
Mrs. B. E. Belue Co.
Cox & March.
J. B. Stouffer Store.
Richmond Welch Store.
J. S. Stanifer.
Rice & Arnold.

It's going to be a big day in Richmond. The town will be crowded with the farmers and their wives and a welcome goes out from all the Richmond merchants and citizens to the country populace.

PARIS JAILER LOCKED AND TWO ESCAPE

Paris, Ky., May 18—When Jailer Taylor at 8 o'clock Wednesday night went to the cell occupied by two brothers named Center, to place another prisoner in the cell with them, he was seized, overpowered and his keys and revolver taken from him. He was then thrust into the cell with the other prisoner and the door locked. Unlocking the other doors the two brothers quickly made their escape, locking all doors behind them.

Jailer Taylor's outcries were heard by his family, who thinking the jail building was on fire, turned in a fire alarm. The Center brothers were arrested in Paris several weeks ago on a charge of stealing two mules from a farmer in Knox county. They were held to the grand jury and it has been learned that both are wanted in Cincinnati, Covington and other towns for various offenses. A reward has been offered for their recapture and all surrounding towns have been notified.

Boy Playing Ball On Rails, Killed At Maysville

Maysville, Ky., May 18—John Gettis, 9 years old, was killed by an east bound C. & O. freight train near here Wednesday afternoon. He and several other boys were playing ball when he was run over.

FEUD OUTBREAK IN BELL COURT HOUSE

Six Men Shot At Pineville When Colsons and Balls Meet In Circuit Clerk's Office

(By Associated Press)

Middlesboro, Ky., May 17—Riley Ball was shot and killed, Frank Ball probably fatally wounded and George Colson, Clay Colson and John Hurst shot, in an outbreak of the Colson-Ball feud at Pineville today.

The shooting began in the office of the circuit court clerk in the Bell county courthouse where the parties assembled for the arraignment of Clay Colson on a charge of killing Ira Ball here several months ago. The struggle continued downstairs.

Five men are under arrest and a large number of deputy sheriffs are patrolling the streets. Further trouble today is not expected.

Frank Ball, who was shot thro the head is an uncle of Riley Ball. He is 50 years old. He will probably die. John Hurst, aged 24, is shot in the stomach, probably fatally. Clay Colson, 45, has a flesh wound in the shoulder. Flint McDaniel, a bystander, also is said to have been wounded in the foot. There has been considerable feeling between the families since the killing of Ira Ball.

ODD FELLOWS HONOR REED JUETT AGAIN

Reed Juett, of Richmond, is very close to the highest office in the Odd Fellows Encampment. Having been elevated to Grand Junior Warden at the 83rd encampment just held at Lexington.

R. M. Nance, of Providence, was elected grand patriarch. John W. Countz, of Paducah, was elected grand high priest. Other officers for the ensuing year are: O. H. Below, Louisville, grand senior warden; Reed Juett, Richmond, grand junior warden; R. G. Elliott, Lexington, grand scribe; B. J. Durham, Danville, grand treasurer; Charles Tucker, Newport, grand representative; T. B. Fauntelroy, Paducah, grand marshal; A. Galloway, Owensboro, grand inside sentinel.

The report of Roy Forman, past grand patriarch, showed an increase of more than 400 Odd Fellows in the Grand Encampment in Kentucky during the past year.

More than 100 members from all parts of Kentucky attended the meeting.

Dandelion Wine For Home Use Under Ban

Newark, N. J., May 18—Dandelions are not fruit and hence cannot be used legally in the manufacture of wine for family use. Dandelion wine addicts with a conscience are responsible for this ruling of Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, made public today by Collector of Internal Revenue Ferguson. Constant inquiries by law abiders who feared dandelions might not be one of the fruit wine stocks permissible for householders to use on permit caused him to send the query to Washington, Collector Ferguson said.

Railroad Robbers Convicted

Six of the seven men charged with receiving stolen property from the Southern Railway Co. and who were arrested last October by railroad detective J. E. Wallin and U. S. Deputy Marshal J. A. Coleman, were found guilty in the federal court at London. The men were arrested in connection with receiving property that was stolen from freight cars near King's Mountain. The six men convicted, all of whom live at King's Mountain, are Morris Farris, Grant Dishon, George Smith, J. H. Snow, Milford Williams and Dewey Houpp. The case against Zack Paggett was dismissed. Houpp was the only one to plead guilty before the court convened. After the trials had begun Dishon changed his plea from not guilty to guilty.

Polo Hog Feed At Powers and Benton

Get SUN ZONE for your work horses at T. J. M. Co., 15